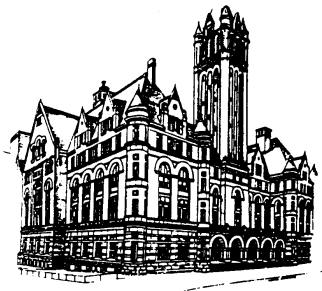


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Notice to the Bar and Public

Re: Revised Director's Procedural Bankruptcy Form
Changes to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

The Director of the Administrative Office has revised the *Reaffirmation Agreement and Order* into two separate forms. The new Director's Procedural Forms 240A - *Reaffirmation Agreement*, and 240B - *Order on Reaffirmation Agreement*, will be effective on January 1, 2007. The revised forms can be found using the hyperlinks below.

http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/BK_Forms_06_Dir/Form_240A_0107.pdf
http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/BK_Forms_06_Dir/Form_240B_0107.pdf

The Judicial Conference approved several changes to the *Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule*¹ to be effective on January 1, 2007. The *Appendix to the Local Rules* (www.wieb.uscourts.gov) will be revised to reflect the following fees:

- Appeals²
 - Appeal directly to the Court of Appeals \$ 200.00
 - Cross Appeal directly to the Court of Appeals \$ 200.00

¹ 28 U.S.C. 1930(b)

² The \$200.00 fee is due once the Court of Appeals authorizes a direct or cross appeal. This is in addition to the \$255.00 due when a petition for permission to appeal is filed.

- Convert from a chapter with a lower filing fee³ to a chapter with a higher filing fee.⁴
 - Chapter 13 to chapter 7 \$ 25.00
 - Chapter 12 to chapter 7 \$ 60.00
 - Chapter 12 to chapter 13 \$ 35.00

- Reopen⁵
 - Chapter 7 case \$ 260.00
 - Chapter 13 case \$ 235.00
 - Chapter 15 case \$1,000.00

- Split cases
 - Chapter 7 \$ 260.00
 - Chapter 13 \$ 235.00

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³ If a case is converted to a chapter with a lower filing fee no refund will be given.

⁴ To convert to chapter 11 from chapter 7 - \$755.00; from chapter 13 - \$765.00. 28 U.S.C. §1930(a).

⁵ The fee applies to a request to reopen a case in which the court did not enter a discharge.
There are two situations in which an exemption from the reopening fee for actions related to the debtor's discharge is applicable:

- to permit a party to file a complaint to obtain a determination under Rule 4007(b); and,
- when a creditor is violating the terms of the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 524.